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CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST -- CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON, SENATOR WILLIAMS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BDIS, DM
SUBJ: A.W. CROSS SHIPMENT IN COTONOU

1. POST IS FAMILIAR WITH THE CROSS CASE AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO
GIVE MICHAEL CROSS ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

2. FYI: MR. CROSS SENIOR ARRIVED IN COTONOU FIVE MONTHS AGO
DESPERATELY ATTEMPTING TO FIND A BUYER FOR A BOATLOAD OF BEER.
THE BUYER AND SUBSEQUENT BUSINESS PARTNER THEY FOUND IS A MAN
OF POWERFUL CONNECTIONS BUT UNSAVORY REPUTATION WHO HAS BEEN
STRONGLY IMPLICATED IN A MAJOR BUSINESS SCANDAL. WE HAVE
WARNED THE CROSSES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OF THE REPUTATION OF
THEIR BUSINESS PARTNER, AND THEY ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE
PERILS OF DOING BUSINESS IN BENIN AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE BENNETT
CASE. THE CROSSES EVIDENTLY FEEL THAT THEY CAN SUCCEED WHERE
OTHERS HAVE FAILED; HOWEVER, THE POST HAS FELT IT BEST TO AVOID
ANY APPEARANCE OF A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM.
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